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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The proposal seeks Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission approval of:

- 1) A long-term park boundary for Lake Wenatchee State Park that includes certain private and additional public lands near Lake Wenatchee State Park in Chelan County. The long-term boundary of the park represents that area which the agency deems desirable for management, consistent with the park mission.
- 2) Specific land classification system for properties within the long-term boundary. The purpose of Land Classification is to provide general policy guidance to staff on appropriate management and use of land holdings in the state park for recreational activities and developments in areas of a park.

Although a range of classifications were considered for the parks through the public planning process, three land classifications are proposed as part of this action. As described in WAC 352-16-020. The land classifications proposed for the park are:

- (A) Recreational areas are suited and/or developed for high-intensity outdoor recreational use, conference, cultural, and/or educational centers, or other use serving large numbers of people.
- (B) Resource recreational areas are suited and/or developed for natural and/or cultural resource-based medium intensity and low-intensity outdoor recreational use.
- (C) Natural areas are designated for preservation, restoration, and interpretation of natural processes and/or features of significant ecological, geological, or paleontological value while providing for low-intensity outdoor recreation activities as subordinate uses.

Maps showing the application of these classifications to Lake Wenatchee State Park according to the staff recommended land classifications, including a depiction of the long-term boundaries, are available by email or hard copy upon request, or can be found at:
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/lkwen/>

This is a phased review under SEPA. "Phased review" means the coverage of general matters in broader environmental documents, with subsequent narrower documents concentrating solely on issues specific to the later analysis (WAC 197-11-776). Phased review will allow the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) to focus on decisions related to adoption of the classifications and long-term boundaries.

This is the first phase of environmental analysis for this proposal. Subsequent phases will include site-specific environmental analysis for implementation of individual project actions identified in the parks' management plan.

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The proposed non-project action encompasses Lake Wenatchee State Park and certain private and public properties within the long-term boundary for the park. Administrative offices for Lake Wenatchee State Park are located at 21588 Highway 207, Leavenworth, Washington 98862.



Lead agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.



There is no comment period for this DNS.

Although there is no comment period required for the proposed action, all comments are welcome and will be considered. **Please address your comments to Bruce Beyerl, Environmental Planner, at 2201 North Duncan Drive, Wenatchee, WA 98801 by November 16, 2006 so they may be incorporated into the staff report for this item.** You may also provide testimony at the November 30, 2006 regularly scheduled Commission meeting in Stevenson, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Rock Creek Recreation Center located at 715 Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, WA 98648.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal; however all comments are welcome and will be thoroughly considered.